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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 25 January 1985

2.  D/FBIS held biweekly meeting with DDS&T this morning.

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- On the "Twelve Cities" TV project, it was agreed that FBIS would buy two converters (sted one) to convert tapes to U.S. standard. We should not stint on costs. Since we cannot pick up contractors and then drop them, we should plan on at least a six month project. But we should take care to collect feedback and evaluate along the way. For openers we will concentrate on the main evening news. Noon or morning shows could be added later, unless they are more productive than the evening cast, or as experience dictates. In areas where there is more than one network we will take only the main network to start. We will increase our TVA to add a vehicle at Headquarters.
- DDS&T has accepted the site "D" proposal for Nicosia and is expected to sign it shortly. The next step is to make sure funds are available and arrange for a delegation of authority so Zimmer can proceed with leasing.
- Money for the Amman Bureau move has been transferred to the '87 budget on the gamble that the embassy will not relocate as fast as they hope.
- Negotiations regarding the Quantico INTERNET site seem to be coming along okay.

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